

The proposed changes to the media-ownership rules cannot go forward. First, the fact that the FCC refuses to release the proposal is disgraceful. How can you possibly justify proposals that regulate (or de-regulate) the PUBLIC airwaves be kept private? This is not what democracy looks like.

Second, the planned changes would permit an absolute monopoly over information. The fact that the Internet provides access to information should not be used as a justification to allow big media to get bigger. The fact remains that most Americans get their information from big media. Even the information on the Internet predominantly originates from one of the big media outlets. Therefore, how is it in the public's interest to set rules that will lead to fewer sources of information? Again, unless Chairman Powell can explain how this is in the public's interest (rather than big business or big brother's interests), then these rules cannot be weakened.

Thank you.